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SUBJECT: MEDIA REPORT - GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM

¶1. On July 26, conservative afternoon "La Segunda" (circ. 31,834) carried an editorial entitled, "Consistency in the Fight Against Terrorism." Quote:

"It's important to maintain a fair balance between an active counter-terrorism policy and respect for ethical principles. At the same time, this effort calls for a basic sense of solidarity from all governments. We must repudiate terrorism under any regime and regardless of the ideology or excuse invoked to justify it. But Chile, for example, has not always found this solidarity in other nations that claim to be its friends. More than once other nations have refused to extradite individuals who have committed crimes, even in a democracy, as if there were no rule of law in this country. Just yesterday, Switzerland granted political asylum to a Chilean charged and sentenced for terrorist acts. This lack of consistency in the fight against the greatest evils of modern times is no doubt a grave offense for our country and its government."

¶2. On July 27, conservative, independent "La Tercera" (circ. 102,000) carried a column by staff writer with the acronym IHL entitled, "Does Containment Work?" Quote:

"After 9-11, George W. Bush presented the world with the 'axis of evil'...formed by sui generis countries such as Iraq, North Korea, and Iran. But although Saddam was defeated, the two remaining nations still have nuclear programs.... The easiest solution is to remove these 'hateful regimes,' but influential U.S. analyst Richard Haass...proposes applying the lessons of the Cold War: Initially, Washington confronted the U.S.S.R. militarily, but soon realized diplomacy and other means were key to influencing the Soviet regime and introduced a 'containment' policy. It's true that accomplishing the objective took four decades, but as Haass recalls, the results are visible: the fall of the U.S.S.R., a victory for the United States and, most importantly, a peaceful victory.

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